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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/940,427  
Applicants: Kazuhiko TAIRA, et al.  
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For: AUDIO INFORMATION RECORDING  
APPARATUS, AUDIO INFORMATION  
RECORDING METHOD, AUDIO INFORMATION  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS, AND AUDIO  
INFORMATION REPRODUCING METHOD  
Group Art Unit: 2614  
Examiner:

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**SECOND STATUS REQUEST FOR FIRST OFFICE ACTION (in duplicate)**

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Respectfully submitted,

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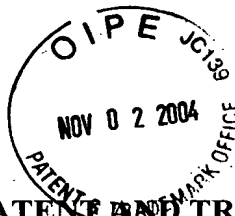
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**SECOND REQUEST**

**FIRST OFFICE ACTION STATUS REQUEST**

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Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the  
approximate date a first Official Action will be issued on this Application.

A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for your convenience.

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